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March 23, 2000

Department of the Army Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers Attn: Lower Snake River Study 201 North Third Avenue Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

RE: Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report.

Dear Army Corps of Engineers,

As a citizen of the Pacific Northwest, I believe the best way to aid our salmon is to adopt Alternative 1 or 2. I oppose dam breaching (Alternative 4) because it is economically harmful and will not help recover salmon. If the deer were all dying, the first thing we would do is suspend the harvest of deer. Is it too sensitive to suggest we ask/demand that the Native Americans quit using the non-selective gill nets? Is it too disruptive to suggest a buyout program of the commercial fishing boats? As a sport fisherman I am more than willing to hang up my fishing rod. As we watch the last of fossil fuels skyrocket it seems silly to be suggesting eliminating such a clean source of energy.

Sincerely.

Dick Olsen

Olsen Brothers

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